

MINUTES
STATE BOARD FOR COMMUNITY AND JUNIOR COLLEGES
WORK SESSION
November 16, 2006

The State Board for Community and Junior Colleges (SBCJC) met at 6:00 p.m. at the Hilton in Jackson, Mississippi, on November 16, 2006.

The following members were present: Mrs. Patricia (Pat) Dickens, Mr. Henry (Bubba) Hudspeth, Mr. Napoleon Moore, Dr. Dorothy Nelson, Mr. Ed Perry, Mr. Henry Thomas, Mr. George Walker and Mrs. Brenda Yonge. The following were absent: *Mr. Chip Crane and Mr. Bruce Martin.*

SBCJC staff present: Dr. Wayne Stonecypher, Dr. Randall Bradberry, Dr. Larry Day, Mrs. Deborah Gilbert and Mrs. Denise Walley.

Guest present: Dr. Reggie Sykes – IHL and Dr. Evelyn Webb.

Mr. George Walker called the meeting to order at 7:25 p.m.

Dr. Larry Day provided information regarding the *Analysis of Remedial Education in Mississippi's Public Community and Junior Colleges*, see "Exhibit G" of the November 17, 2006, meeting minutes. Dr. Day stated that Mississippi's community and junior colleges offer a total of 18 remedial courses. In Fall 2005, there were 18,594 remedial course enrollments, with 11,493 students enrolled in at least one remedial course. Remedial students make up 17.6% of the total credit headcount enrollment in the colleges.

Dr. Day stated that community colleges in the United States spend \$1.4 billion annually in providing remedial education to students who have recently completed high school, according to a report for the Alliance for Excellent Education (AEE). The purpose of the study is to provide insight into the remedial program in Mississippi's public community/junior colleges, which is an integral and necessary part of the system.

Dr. Evelyn Webb attended the meeting to give the Board an update on the Two-Year College English Association (TYCAM), an organization for full-time Mississippi English instructors. Through research, which was analyzed by Hinds Community College's Mathematics Department, it was confirmed that there are large discrepancies in grading guidelines between instructors. The college campuses need to continue to implement evaluation strategies and tools that will assist in removing subjectivity and other unclear factors from evaluation of student work.

Dr. Webb stated that she heard great reports from the universities regarding the community college students that continued their education at the universities. As past studies have shown, many students that attend the community colleges for their freshman and sophomore years do better in their junior and senior years than those that attended the universities the first two years.

Dr. Webb reported that 13 of the 15 colleges were represented, with approximately 93 participants at the meeting. One highlight of the recent meeting was the presentation of three awards: The Durrett Award, for Outstanding Adjunct Instruction; the Webb Award, for

Outstanding Service & Leadership; and the Vickers Award, for Outstanding Instruction by full-time English Instructors.

On behalf of TYCAM, Dr. Webb requested that the Board continue to support the yearly luncheon and would like for Dr. Day to work closely with IHL to track the progress of community college English students that transfer to the 4-year universities. She thanked the Board for their continued support.

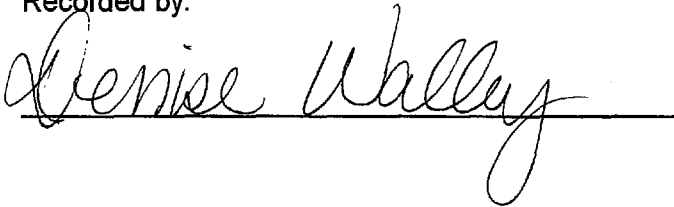
Mrs. Deborah Gilbert briefly reviewed the Finance agenda items, as follows:

Quarterly Capital Improvements Report as presented by Dr. Day is shown as "Finance Attachment 1" of the November 17, 2006, meeting minutes.

Financial Statements for Funds 2291 and Special Funds as of October 31, 2006. See "Finance Attachments 2a – 2b" of the November 17, 2006, meeting minutes.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Recorded by:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Denise Waller", is written over a horizontal line.